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Notice of Public Meeting
California Bay-Delta Ecosystem Restoration Program
Nonnative Invasive Species Adaptive Management Workshop

Meeting Date and Location: July 16th, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
MUII, 2nd floor Memorial Union,
University of California, Davis
Davis, CA

Workshop Purpose:

Nonnative invasive plant and animal species are identified as a critical uncertainty and serious issue for the California Bay-Delta Program and several other state and federally-mandated programs. The Bay-Delta Program's Ecosystem Restoration Program (ERP) is sponsoring this workshop in accordance with their objectives of integrating world-class science and peer review into every aspect of the Bay-Delta Program and developing the best scientific information possible to guide decisions and evaluate actions that are critical to its success.

The goal of the workshop is to identify effective methods for incorporating adaptive management and experimental design into nonnative invasive species (NIS) prevention, control and eradication projects seeking funds from the ERP. The workshop will convene researchers, specialists, project proponents, and project evaluators who will contribute lessons learned through their research and implementation of projects to address issues such as: how to incorporate science into NIS projects and how to design performance measures for assessing project effectiveness. Participating NIS scientists and project managers are encouraged to share experiences and data that inform the process of "closing the adaptive management loop".

Speakers will present scenarios or actual projects that illustrate incorporation of experimental design and adaptive management, how monitoring informs project management, how linkages are made between invasive species control and restoration, and how effectiveness of performance is measured. Breakout sessions following these presentations will expand upon speaker insights to build a compendium of possible methods for incorporating adaptive management into NIS projects. These techniques will be distilled into guidelines that will be useful to both project proponents and evaluators.

Background for workshop need: The most recent CALFED ERP Proposal Solicitation Process Selection Panel concluded that some NIS projects, although high priorities needed to more fully incorporate adaptive management and experimental designs into their proposals. The Selection Panel recommended a workshop be convened to evaluate the issues and provide guidance.

For More Information:

- Registration for the event is not required. For more information, please contact Kim Webb at (209) 946-6400 or kim_webb@fws.gov.
- A campus map is available online at <http://vtour.ucdavis.edu/>
- Parking is available for a fee in the North Entry Parking Structure on Howard Way.
- Lunch is on your own (available at the University cafeteria or from local establishments).
- If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Pauline Nevins, California Bay-Delta Authority at (916) 445-5511, TDD (800) 735-2929.